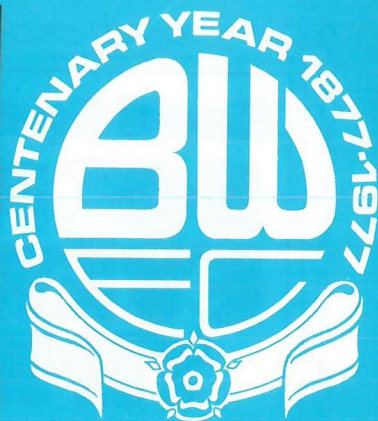


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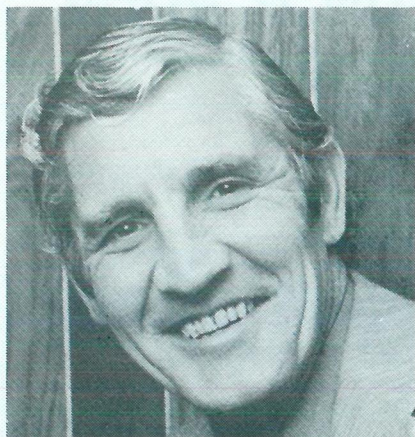
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Welcome to today's visitors Stoke City as we bid to get back to winning ways after last Saturday's defeat at Crystal Palace.

It was, of course, the first time we had lost this season and I felt we were particularly unfortunate to drop both points.

We played well, in my view, and Palace were very lucky to win through a goal of the sort they scored just before the end.

I believe this sort of thing balances itself out in the end and it paid us back for the way we snatched a win over Sheffield United a few weeks earlier.

The Front Page picture is by courtesy of the Bolton Evening News

At Palace we lost our sense of purpose a little and didn't hit balls into their danger area as we should. Our passing went so well in the first half that in the second we tended to overdo it a little.

However, that is behind us now and today we face a strong side in Stoke who were relegated from the First Division last season and would dearly like to bounce back at the first attempt.

Our young players are starting to do well and I must congratulate striker Chris Thompson on earning a place in the England squad for the tournament to be held in Las Palmas from 5—13th October.

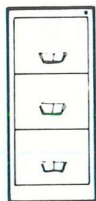
The other nations taking part will be Hungary, Spain and Uruguay.

Another of our apprentices, goalkeeper David Felgate has been named in the Wales squad for the UEFA tournament game against Iceland — and once again, congratulations!

Ian Greaves

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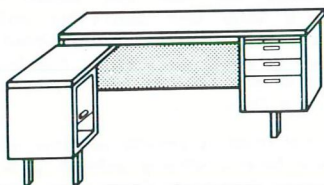
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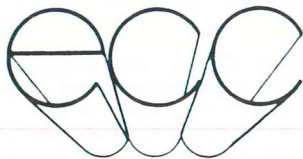
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STEVE WADDINGTON — Born in Nantwich, Cheshire, Steve joined Stoke in 1972. Made his debut in October, 1976. An aggressive all action type of player who staked a regular claim for a place last season.

ALAN DODD — Yet another local-born player. He made his debut in 1973 and has progressed into one of the best defenders in the game earning several Under-23 caps. Plays at full-back or in the centre of the defence. Thoughtful, intelligent player who was the club's only ever-present last season.

DAVID GREGORY — Joined Stoke from Peterborough during the close season for a reputed £55,000. Has been in League football for only three years but has earned himself a reputation as a striker of considerable potential.

ROGER JONES — Arrived at the Victoria Ground last season after a career starting at Portsmouth and including stays at Bournemouth, Blackburn Rovers and finally Newcastle United.

JOHN MARSH — Locally born. John has spent all his playing career with Stoke. A reliable and consistent performer on his day. He failed to gain a regular spot last season.

PAUL RICHARDSON — Born in Shelston, Nottingham. Another close season signing. He cost Stoke £50,000 from Chester and was George Eastham's first buy for the club. He spent five years with Nottingham Forest where he impressed as a player with skill and vision.

DENIS SMITH — Stoke born. Made his debut in 1968 and is known as the 'iron-man' of the side. This reputation was gained not only for his style of play but also for his ability to overcome successfully injuries, including a broken leg. Skipper of the side he has been a regular for many seasons now.

GARTH CROOKS — Another local product from Stoke-on-Trent, he signed for City in 1973 before making his debut in 1976. Earned a regular spot last season and showed tremendous ability. Finished up as top goalscorer.

HOWARD KENDALL — Born in Durham, he first played League football for Preston where he gained the distinction of becoming the youngest ever player to appear in a FA Cup Final at Wembley. He was transferred to Everton and later to Birmingham City. A stylish and talented midfield player he joined Stoke for £40,000.

TERRY CONROY — Eire International who commands the respect of defenders everywhere. Terry is a tireless worker who also has the flair to make 'something' out of 'nothing'. Has had injury problems in the past but has still been a regular in the team since making his debut in 1967.

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Stoke City seem to be enjoying the best of both worlds at the moment. For in spite of selling pretty well their entire team over the past 12 months, the Potters have made an excellent start to their Second Division programme and could well regain the First Division place they lost in May.

Stoke's sale of players is probably unprecedented in top-class football. In a matter of months they have sold seven first-team players for a total of £895,000!

Though, obviously, they have had to sign some replacements, their entire outlay was less than £200,000.

Financial problems, caused largely by the collapse of a grandstand roof the previous season, forced Stoke to sell most of their stars. Two international midfield men — Alan Hudson (England) and John Mahoney (Wales) — were sold respectively to Arsenal (£200,000) and Middlesbrough (£80,000).

Three strikers went — Jimmy Greenhoff to Manchester United (£100,000), Ian Moores to Tottenham (£80,000) and John Ruggeiro to Brighton (£30,000).

Add the departure of England defender Mike Pejic, to Everton for £135,000, and the most recent transfer out of goalkeeper Peter Shilton, to Nottingham Forest in a £270,000 deal, and it can be appreciated just how severely the Stoke side has been ripped apart.

In these circumstances, it was no real surprise when Stoke were relegated last season. Before the axe fell, manager Tony Waddington walked out in frustration as he saw the team he had so carefully created being broken up.

Former England manager George Eastham was appointed in succession to Mr. Waddington and he is currently going through the process of rebuilding the Potters.

With Shilton's departure, it seemed certain that Roger Jones would take

over in goal. A former England under-23 international, Jones previously played for Portsmouth, Bournemouth, Blackburn and Newcastle.

Old hands like John Marsh, Alan Bloor, Alan Dodd and Dennis Smith remain in defence, though Mr. Eastham was expecting to sign Liverpool's former England left-back Alec Lindsay, following his successful loan period with the club.

Former Preston and Everton midfielder man Howard Kendall was signed from Birmingham for £45,000 during the close season and he has been playing in the centre with another newcomer Paul Richardson, the one-time Nottingham Forest player who spent last season with Chester.

The reconstituted front line has included Steve Waddington, Garth Crooks and David Gregory, a £50,000 summer signing from Peterborough.

Stoke received a nasty shock on the opening day of the season when they visited Mansfield Town, a club that was making its debut in Division Two. Stoke went down 1-2 but after that they recovered to turn in some very good results.

They defeated Southampton (1-0) and Burnley (2-1) at the Victoria Ground, drew 0-0 at Millwall and then really turned it on to crush visiting Sheffield United by 4-0. A fortnight ago they drew 0-0 at Hull.

Stoke's recent spell in the First Division spanned 14 years and, though they were never serious contenders for the Championship, they usually maintained a safe position. In 1972 they won their first major trophy when beating Chelsea 2-1 in the League Cup final at Wembley.

The irony of Stoke's recent problems is that the team was just beginning to look good enough to go for one of the really big trophies when financial constrictions forced the club to sell. Stoke were not the only club to suffer because of the country's economic plight, but they had to pay a higher price than many of their troubled rivals.

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TUESDAY, 4th OCTOBER

WANDERERS

v

BLACKBURN ROVERS

Kick-off 7-30 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION:—

SATURDAY, 15th OCTOBER

WANDERERS

v

MANSFIELD

Kick-off 3-00 p.m.

CENTRAL LEAGUE

TUESDAY, 18th OCTOBER

RESERVES

v

WOLVES

Kick-off 7-30 p.m.

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BOLTON WANDERERS	7	3	0	0	5	2	2	1	1	4	2	11	
Crystal Palace	7	2	1	1	7	5	2	1	0	6	1	10	
Stoke	7	3	1	0	7	1	0	2	1	1	2	9	
Southampton	7	3	1	0	6	1	1	0	2	3	6	9	
Blackburn	7	2	1	1	5	2	0	3	0	1	1	8	
Blackpool	7	1	1	1	4	4	2	1	1	8	6	8	
Luton	7	2	1	0	8	1	1	0	3	4	7	7	
Oldham	7	2	1	0	4	1	0	2	2	4	7	7	
Charlton	6	2	0	0	5	2	0	3	1	4	10	7	
Mansfield	7	2	1	1	7	4	0	1	2	2	5	6	
Hull	7	1	2	0	3	0	1	0	3	2	5	6	
Cardiff	6	1	3	0	5	3	0	1	1	1	4	6	
Sunderland	7	1	1	1	4	3	0	3	1	3	6	6	
Fulham	7	1	2	0	6	2	0	1	3	1	6	5	
Millwall	7	1	2	1	4	4	0	1	2	3	5	5	
Orient	7	2	0	1	8	8	0	1	3	2	5	5	
Bristol Rovers	7	0	3	1	3	4	0	1	2	3	6	4	
Notts County	7	0	3	1	5	6	0	1	2	4	9	4	
Sheffield United	7	1	1	1	3	3	0	0	4	4	12	3	
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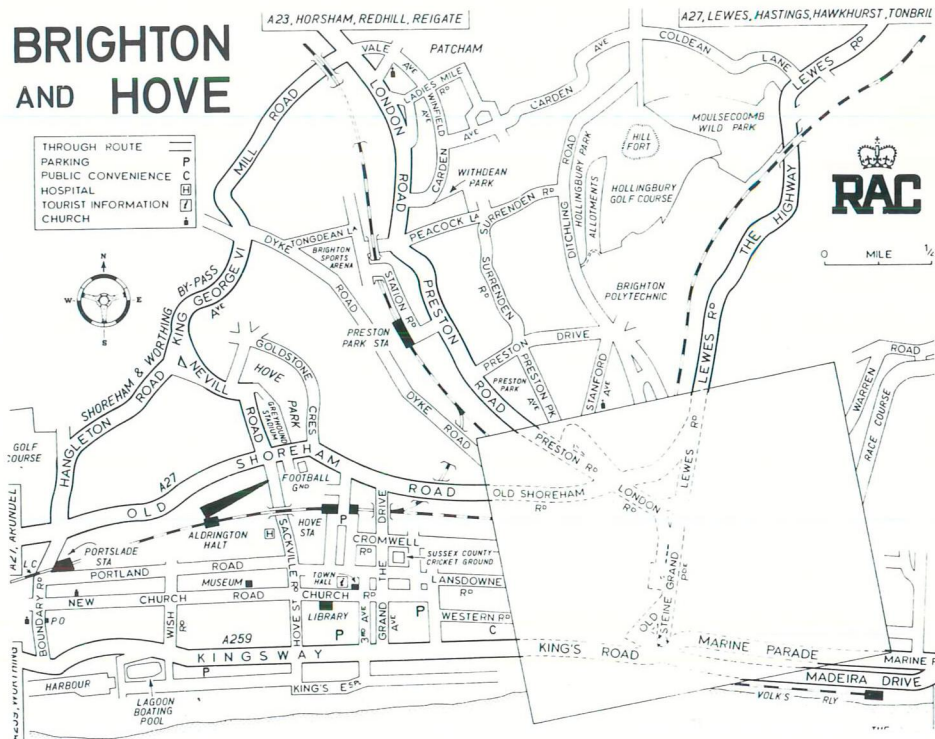
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" 23 MILLWALL	2-1	14,974	1	Whatmore
" 27 SHEFF. UTD.	2-1	16,840	1	Reid, Whatmore
" 30 LINCOLN CITY LC2	1-0	11,467	1	Wildron
Sept 3 Hull City	0-0	10,106	1	
" 10 OLDHAM	1-0	16,033	1	Whatmore
" 17 Sunderland	2-0	30,342	1	Whatmore, Reid
" 24 Crystal Palace	1-2	23,604	1	Whatmore
Oct 1 STONE				
" 4 BLACKBURN				
" 8 Brighton & H.				
" 15 MANCHESTER				
" 22 Southampton				
" 25 PETERBOROUGH UTD LC3				
" 29 LUTON				
Nov 5 Orient				
" 12 CHARLTON				
" 19 Bristol Rovers				
" 26 TOTTENHAM (1)				
" 30 LC4				
Dec 3 Fulham				
" 10 CARDIFF CITY				
" 17 Charlton (2)				
" 26 NOTTS CO				
" 27 Blackpool				
" 31 Millwall				
Jan 2 BURNLEY				
" 7 FA3				
" 14 Sheff. United				
" 18 LC5				
" 21 HULL CITY				
" 28 FA4				
Feb 4 Oldham Athletic				
" 8 LC (Semi)				
" 11 SUNDERLAND				
" 15 LC (Semi)				
" 18 C PALACE (5)				
" 25 Stoke City				
Mar 4 BRIGHTON				
" 11 Mansfield T. (6)				
" 18 STH MPTN (LCF)				
" 21 Luton Town				
" 25 BLACKPOOL				
" 27 Notts County				
April 1 ORIENT				
" 8 Tottenham (SF)				
" 15 BRISTOL ROV				
" 22 Cardiff City				
" 26 Blackburn Rovers				
" 29 FULHAM				
May 6 FA Cup Final				

CENTRAL LEAGUE 1977-78

		F	A	Pts.
1977				
Aug.	20—BURNLEY	1	2	0
"	27—Everton	0	1	2
Sept.	3—SHEFFIELD UTD.	1	3	2
"	10—Nottingham F.	1	1	3
"	13—LIVERPOOL	1	0	5
"	17—WEST BROM. A.	2	0	7
"	24—ASTON VILLA			
Oct.	1—Stoke City			
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"	8—Preston N.E.			
"	18—WOLVES			
"	22—MANCHESTER C.			
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"	14—EVERTON			
"	21—Sheffield Utd.			
Feb.	4—NOTTINGHAM F.			
"	11—West Brom. A.			
"	18—Aston Villa			
"	25—STOKE CITY			
Mar.	7—PRESTON N.E.			
"	11—Wolves			
"	18—Manchester City			
"	25—Bury			
"	27—BLACKPOOL			
Apr.	1—Coventry City			
"	4—SHEFFIELD WED.			
"	8—LEEDS UTD.			
"	15—Derby County			
"	22—BLACKBURN R.			
"	25—NEWCASTLE UTD.			
"	29—Manchester Utd.			

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G—Everton v Man City
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I—Man Utd v Liverpool
J—Nottm Forest v Norwich
K—Wolves v Leicester

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L—Blackpool v Cardiff
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O—Hull v Mansfield
P—Luton v Notts Co.
Q—Oldham v Blackburn
R—Orient v Spurs
S—Sheffield U v Sthampton
T—Sunderland v Brighton
U—
V—
W—
X—Port Vale v Bury

WANDERERS

Shirts: White

Shorts: Blue

1. McDONAGH, Jim
2. NICHOLSON, Peter
3. DUNNE, Tony
4. GREAVES, Roy
5. WALSH, Mike
6. ALLARDYCE, Sam
7. MORGAN, Willie
8. WHATMORE, Neil
9. TRAIN, Ray
10. REID, Peter
11. JONES, Garry

Sub.:

STOKE CITY

Shirts: Red and White

Shorts: White

1. JONES, Roger
2. MARSH, John
3. LINDSAY, Alec
4. KENDALL, Howard
5. SMITH, Denis
6. DODD, Alan
7. WADDINGTON, Steve
8. RICHARDSON, Paul
9. GREGORY, David
10. CONROY, Terry
11. CROOKS, Garth

Sub.:

Referee:

J. D. HOUGH (Macclesfield)

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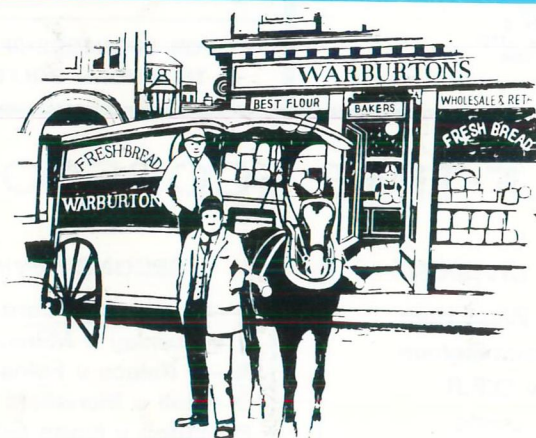
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